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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE--DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF
18TH SESSION

MISSION IS REQUESTED TO PASS ON TO SECRETARIAT FOL-
LOWING U.S. COMMENTS ON DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF 18TH SESSION
OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO. 12,
JULY 8 AND 13).

1. THE PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS SHOULD BE
REPORTED, SPECIFICALLY HIS STATEMENT THAT THE BUREAU HAD
ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE FOR THE BUREAU'S USE
BEFORE THE 19TH ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING A LIST OF
CURRENT PROJECTS BROKEN INTO THREE RECOMMENDED CATEGORIES:

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A. THOSE WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING

SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, ON WHICH THE FORMAL ENVIRONMENT-COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ASKED TO CONDUCT A FORMAL FOLLOW-UP;

B. THOSE WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO NATIONAL POLICIES WHICH ARE PRIMARILY DOMESTIC IN CHARACTER, AND WHICH WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVE FOLLOW-UP BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE;

C. THOSE FOR WHICH THE REPORT OF THE PROJECT ITSELF REPRESENTS THE PRODUCT, AND WHICH SHOULD NOT RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS. WE WOULD DEFER TO MR. FAIRCLOUGH AS TO THE PRECISE WORDING OF THESE CATEGORIES.

2. A. WE QUESTION WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY TO INCLUDE IN SUCH A SUMMARY THE DETAILED AMENDMENTS AGREED TO FOR THE ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. IF IT IS DESIRABLE TO MAKE A FORMAL RECORD OF THE CHANGES AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE, IT WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE TO DO THIS IN A CORRIGENDUM OR ADDENDUM TO THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION.

B. IF, NONETHELESS, THE DETAILS IN PARAS 8 AND 20 OF COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO. 12 ARE TO BE RETAINED, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE:

--SECOND ITEM UNDER PARA 8: ALL THAT IS BEING DELETED IS "OECD COOPERATIVE TECHNICAL PROGRAMME TO MEASURE;" NOT THE WHOLE PHRASE AS INDICATED IN THE DRAFT.

--INSERT BETWEEN POINTS (II) AND (III) OF PARA 20 THE FOLLOWING: "IF THESE RESERVATIONS ARE NOT DROPPED BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, THE U.S. WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH RESERVATIONS AND AN EXPLANATORY NOTE WILL BE APPENDED TO THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE REASON FOR THE RESERVATIONS. ANY SUCH NOTE WILL BE CLEARED WITH THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL.

3. PARA 14. DROP LAST SENTENCE OF DRAFT AND REPLACE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THE COMMITTEE AGREED ON FOUR AREAS ON WHICH THE ANALYSIS SHOULD FOCUS. THE FRENCH DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WOULD SPEAK ON NATURE CONSERVATION; THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT, WHILE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE FRENCH PARTICIPANTS, THE TOPIC WOULD NOT BE ADDED TO THE FOUR AGREED. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THE DIRECTOR WOULD INVITE GOVERNMENTS TO NOMINATE HIGH-

LEVEL EXPERTS, WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE OECD TEAM, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS."

4. PARA 25. THE PROVISIO STARTING "SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL..." IS MISLEADING AND CONFUSING. IT ADDS NOTHING TO THE OPERATIVE PART FLR THE PARAGRAPH AND IMPLIES THAT THE COMMITTEE IS DEFERRING TO THE COUNCIL TO TELL IT WHAT TO DO. (WHILE THE COUNCIL OBVIOUSLY CAN DO SO, THE COMMITTEE DID NOT SO UNAMBIGUOUSLY PASS THE BUCK IN THIS CASE.)

5. PARA 33. REVISE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REITERATED ITS INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING SOME DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE UNCLASSIFIED 'AB INITIO'. IT RECOGNIZED THAT CERTAIN PROBLEMS EXIST IN INCORPORATING SUCH A CONCEPT INTO OECD PROCEDURES, AND INDICATED THAT IT HOPED TO HAVE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL AFTER FURTHER STUDY." KISSINGER

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